

NAC

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 111

11 September 1951

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lieut. Jones	Navy
25X1A9a Bush	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. The Chairman noted that NIS production for August was only 15% of scheduled requirements. While a total of 19 sections was submitted, 13 of them were overdue from previous months, leaving only 6 sections produced out of 39 sections scheduled for August. In general, the members indicated that the principal cause of this low production was the large amount of annual leave taken during the month. In addition, the agencies' review of contributions has become more strict and resulted in a large number being returned to the contributors for reworking. With due allowance for these factors, NIS production is still far short of reasonable goals.

3. Production for the next several months will be severely reduced because of NIE-40 commitments. Contributions from the Army Technical Services will be delayed 2 to 3 months. G-2 will be delayed about 3 months in its contributions to Sections 64 (Manufacturing and Construction), which is coordinated by State. Navy will be delayed about 3 months on Sections 36 (Merchant Marine) and on its contributions to Sections 64. The Air Force member did not think his agency would be delayed in the production of its contributions. The State member was asked to examine the feasibility of OIR producing the Army and Navy contributions to Sections 64 on Denmark and Spain in order to minimize the serious delays which would otherwise occur in the completion of these sections.

4. The Committee considered the question of modifying the current Production Schedule in view of the serious production difficulties introduced by the diversion of NIS capabilities to NIE-40 commitments. It was the consensus that the present schedule should be continued until the full impact of this diversion was known. There are also other factors affecting NIS capabilities; in particular, the 5% personnel cut in the Armed Forces Agencies which is actually a much larger reduction since no allowance was made for existing vacancies in the authorized T/Os. The Committee was particularly concerned over the possibility of continued NIE requirements taking precedence over NIS work which could eventually lead to the emasculation of the whole NIS Program.

5. The members were asked to check their contributors' statements, which appear in the published NIS sections, and report at the next meeting any corrections to the list furnished them. Henceforth, any changes to these statements should be reported promptly.

6. The Chairman reported on the situation respecting the release of NIS on the Soviet Bloc to the international staff of SHAPE. A conference was called by Col. B. B. Talley, G-2, on 24 August at which representatives of the Intelligence Agencies approved the release of the initial list of NIS to the international staff of SHAPE. They also agreed to have the NIS Committee institute a continuing procedure for determining the releasability of future NIS sections concerned with this requirement. This procedure would call for a statement by the contributor on each NIS contribution relative to its releasability. The Chairman would then transmit these findings periodically to Colonel Talley through the Army member of the NIS Committee.

The Chairman indicated that this procedure would go into effect when G-2 requested it. The Army member said he would confer with Colonel Talley on this matter.

7. The Chairman informed the Committee that the request [redacted] for NIS on USSR, satellite countries, and the Middle East countries had been approved by all agencies except Army, which disapproved it on the grounds that [redacted] did not have a need for NIS on these areas.

8. Members were requested to report on the status of contributions which had been returned to the contributors by D/B for reworking.

9. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 18 September 1951.

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Chairman

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